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Expert panel on the future workforce of physicians and clinical practitioners

ISSUE: The Commission has expressed an interest in examining workforce issues surrounding the question of whether or not we will have an adequate supply and mix of physicians and other clinical practitioners to meet the needs of the aging baby boomer population. To learn from experts on this topic, we will hear from three panelists:

Kevin Grumbach, MD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco; Chief of Family and Community Medicine at San Francisco General Hospital; Director of the UCSF Center for California Health Workforce Studies.

Mary O'Neil Munding, DrPH, RN, Dean of the Columbia University School of Nursing; Centennial Professor in Health Policy at the School of Nursing; Founder of Columbia Advanced Practice Nurse Associates.

Edward Salsberg, MPA, Associate Vice President at the Association of American Medical Colleges; Director of the Center for Workforce Studies

The presenters' bios and selected papers are included as background information for the panel.

KEY POINTS:

Key discussion points will include:

- Projections on the future supply of physicians and other clinical practitioners
- Factors affecting future demand and supply of physicians and other clinical practitioners
- Implications of medical training on workforce supply
- Ways in which advanced practice nurses can address any future gaps in physician supply, particularly with respect to primary care and chronic illness management.

ACTION: After the panelists make brief presentations on selected issues, Commissioners will have the opportunity to ask the panelists questions and discuss issues that arise.

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